

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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Permit Application Number
MVN 2014-00794 EMM

State of Louisiana
Department of Environmental Quality
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Project Manager
Elizabeth Hill
WQC Application Number
WQC 1701106-03

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [X] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

BOAT RAMP, DOCK, AND PARKING AREA IN FLOWERS BAYOU IN SAINT TAMMANY PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: All State Financial Company c/o Biological Surveys, Inc., Thomas Brown, Post Office Box 94, Covington, Louisiana 70433.

LOCATION OF WORK: Section 16, Township 7 South, Range 11 East, in Covington, Louisiana, in Saint Tammany Parish, as shown on the attached drawings.

HUC: 08090201: Liberty Bayou - Tchefuncte
Latitude: 30.446328 Longitude: -90.119679

CHARACTER OF WORK: To install and maintain a boat launch including a boat ramp, elevated dock, and parking area with approximately 136 cubic feet of fill in Other Waters of the U. S. in Flowers Bayou, in Covington, Louisiana. Approximately 69 square feet of wetlands will be shaded by the elevated dock, but not filled. The applicant contends jurisdictional wetlands will not be impacted, as such compensatory mitigation is not anticipated at this time.

The work is an addition to the Estates at Watercross subdivision (MVN 2014-00794 EOO) permitted in August 2015.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close **20 days** from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and/or this WQC request and must

be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH**. Similar letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC Application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing or e-mailing the Corps of Engineers Project Manager listed above. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days.

The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The New Orleans District is unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Issuance of the public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Office regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed work would neither affect any species or critical habitat listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

In addition, the construction area is known to be utilized by the West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*). The West Indian manatee is listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Interior. Our initial finding is that the proposed work is “not likely to adversely affect” the West Indian manatee. Concurrence has been received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service per the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species in Louisiana, dated October 22, 2014. If authorized, “The Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Activities” will be made part of the permit’s special conditions.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to 0.003 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

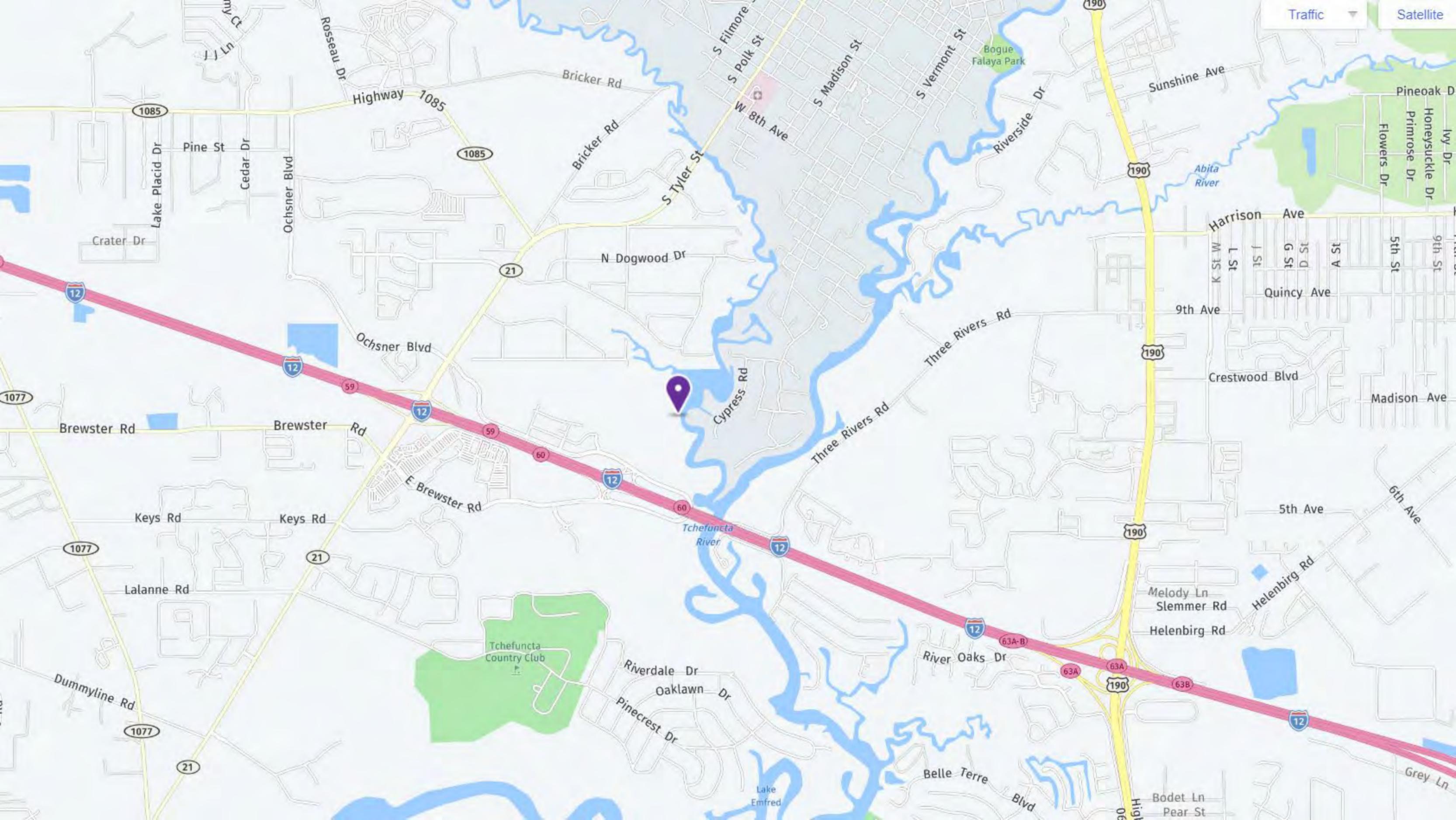
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications, before a permit is issued.

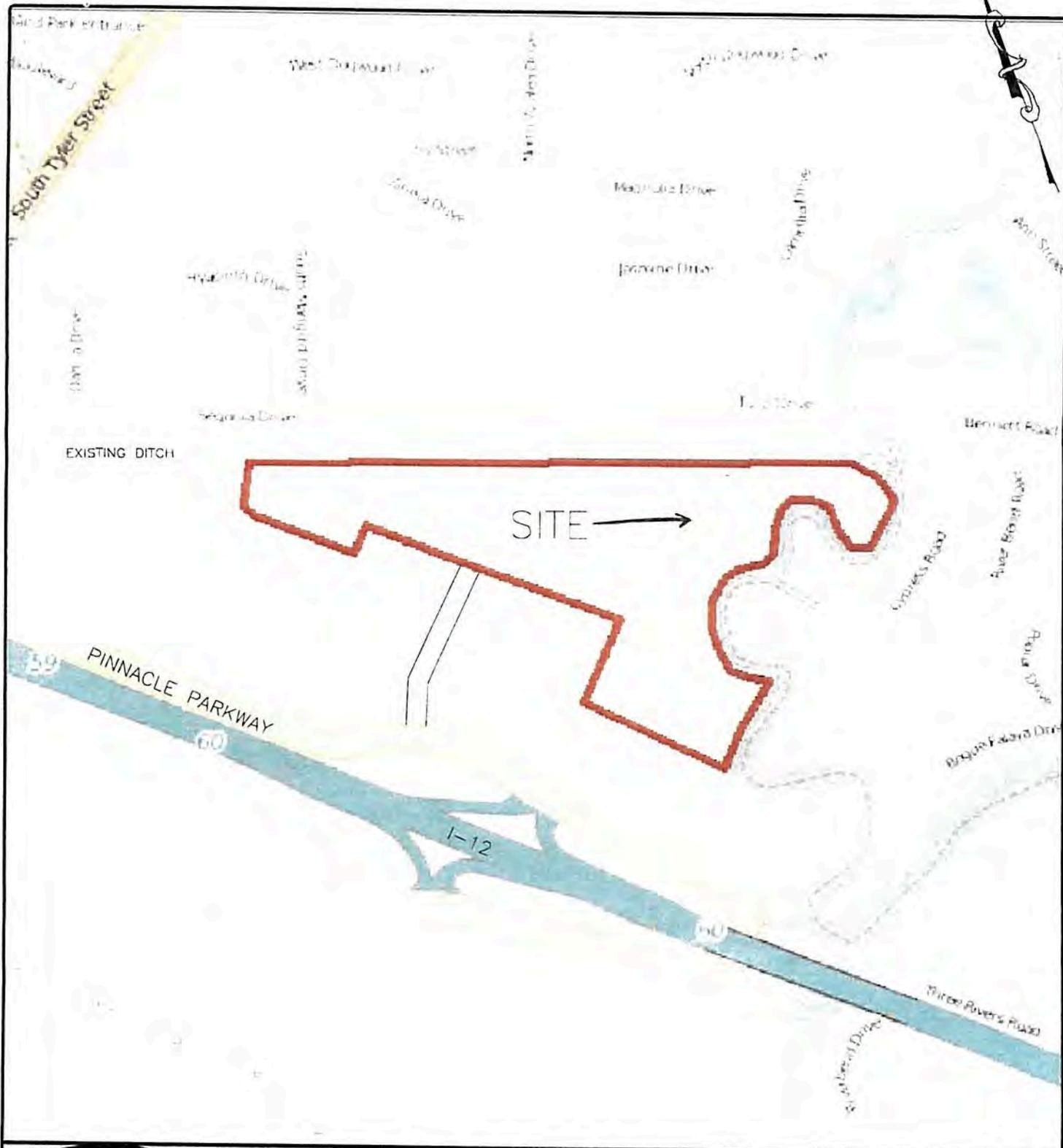
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

Michael Farabee
Chief, Eastern Evaluation Section

Enclosures





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1. VICINITY MAP
THE ESTATES AT WATERCROSS
SECTION 47, TOWNSHIP 7S, RANGE 11E
ST. TAMMANY PARISH, LA

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WETLANDS

*SPOIL MATERIAL TO BE PLACED IN NON-WET AREAS.

NON WETLANDS TO BE CUT & FILLED

8" CONCRETE (±69 SF = ±48 CU FT)

12" STRUCTURAL FILL (±69 SF = ±69 CU FT)

OTHER WATERS TO BE CUT & FILLED

8" CONCRETE (±53 SF = ±35 CU FT)

12" STRUCTURAL FILL (±53 SF = ±53 CU FT)

OTHER WATERS TO BE FILLED

8" ROCK (±72 SF = ±48 CU FT)

WETLANDS LOCATED UNDER ELEVATED WALK EQUALS TOTAL OF 69 SF. WETLANDS NOT TO BE EXCAVATED OR FILLED.

APPROX. LOCATION OF BANK

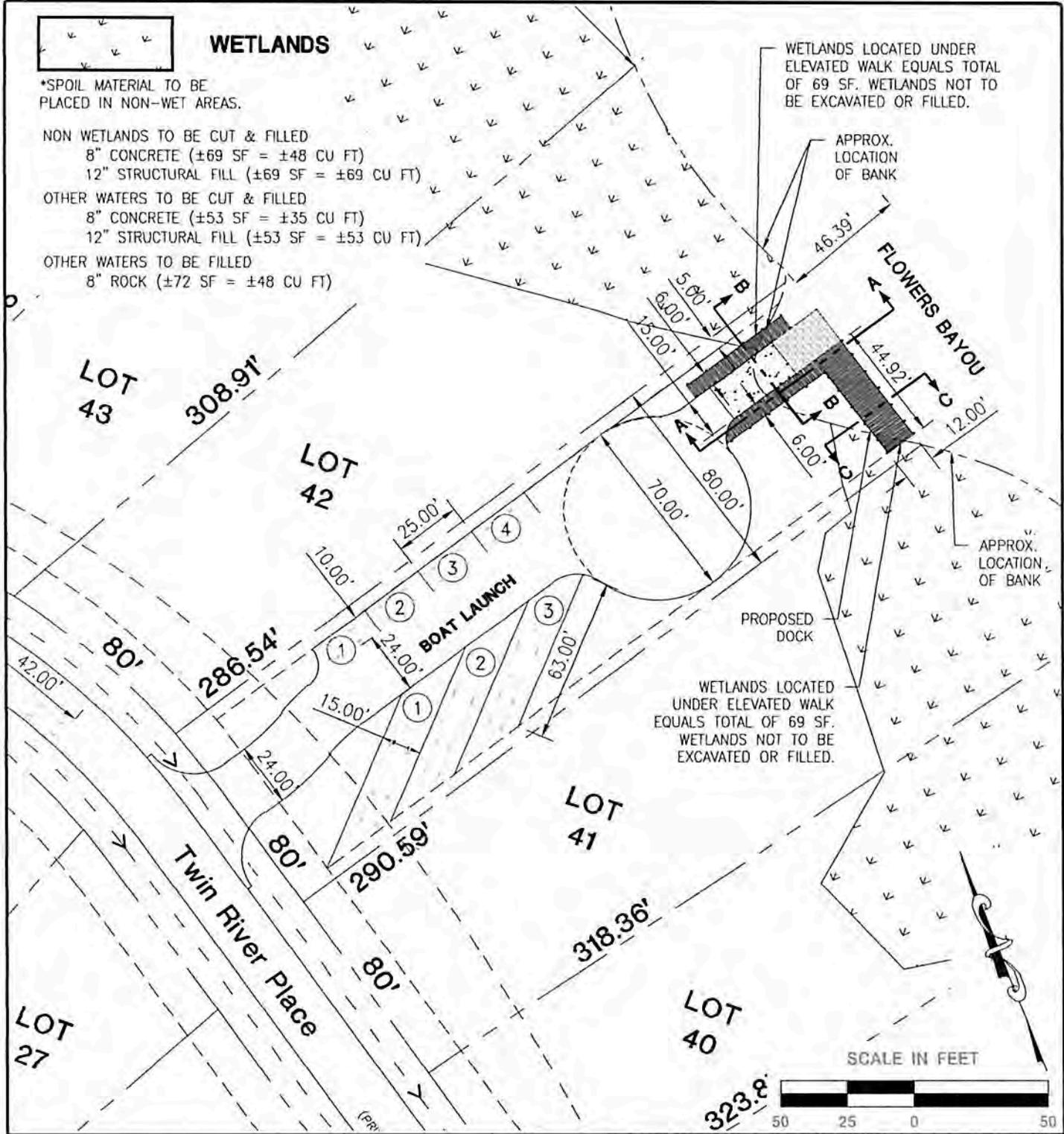
FLOWERS BAYOU

APPROX. LOCATION OF BANK

PROPOSED DOCK

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SCALE IN FEET



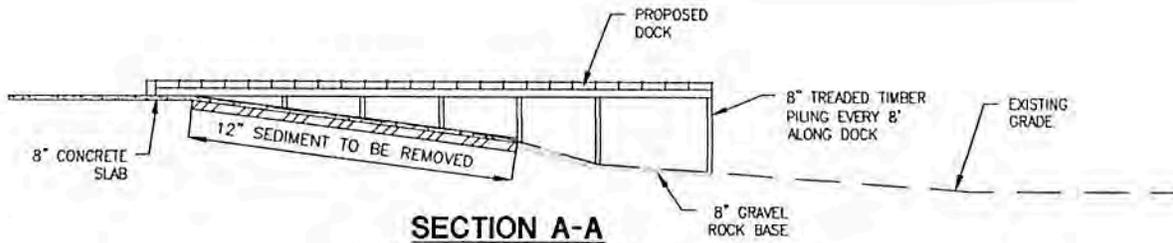
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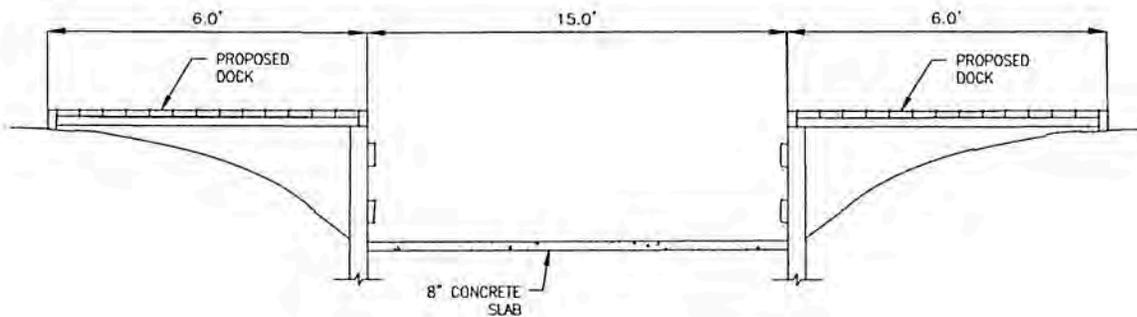
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1. FLOWERS BAYOU BOAT LAUNCH FOR THE ESTATES OF WATERCROSS SEC.47 T7S-R11E ST. TAMMANY PARISH, LA

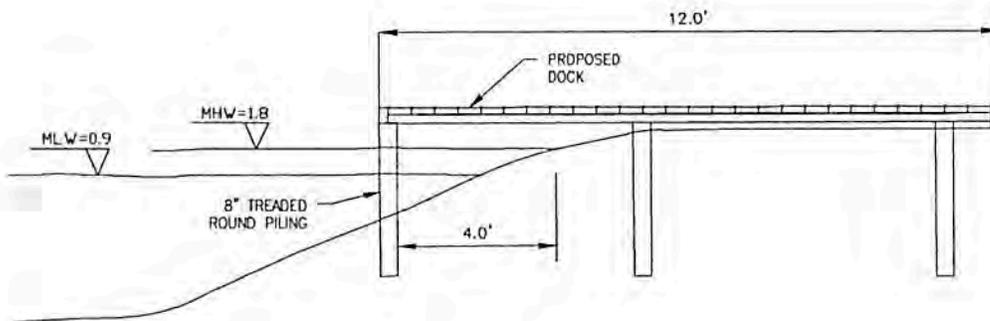
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SECTION B-B
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2. FLOWERS BAYOU BOAT LAUNCH SECTIONS
FOR THE ESTATES OF WATERCROSS
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ST. TAMMANY PARISH, LA

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